## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**:

- 1. (Original) A method of improving the tissue quality of an animal, comprising feeding the animal a diet comprising at least 150 ppm mixed tocotrienols.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the tissue is meat and the quality of the meat is measured by criteria selected from the group consisting of pH, improved color value, improved oxidative stability, and reduced purge.
- 3-11. (Cancelled)
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the animal is poultry.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the animal is cattle.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the diet comprising at least 150 ppm mixed tocotrienols comprises a cereal grain crop genetically modified to have elevated mixed tocotrienol levels.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the cereal grin crop is corn.

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16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the diet comprising at least 150 ppm mixed tocotrienols comprises oil from a plant that has been genetically

modified to have elevated mixed tocotrienol levels.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) A method of improving the tissue quality of an animal,

comprising feeding the animal a diet comprising 50 ppm to 500 ppm mixed

tocotrienols.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the tissue is meat and the

quality of the meat is measured by criteria selected from the group consisting of

increased pH, improved color value, improved oxidative stability and reduced

purge.

22-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the diet comprising 50 ppm to

500 ppm mixed tocotrienols comprises a cereal gain crop genetically modified to

have elevated mixed tocotrienol levels.

28. (Original)The method of claim 27 wherein the cereal grain crop is corn.

29. (Original)The method of claim 20 wherein the diet comprising 50 ppm to

500 ppm mixed tocotrienols comprises an oil from a plant that has been

genetically modified to have elevated mixed tocotrienol levels.

30-32. (Cancelled)

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